

Cartwright House  
SM-688  
23077 Three Notch Road (MD 235)  
California vicinity  
Circa 1948  
Private

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The building (formerly a residence and currently serving as an office) at 23077 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 50 feet west of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a concrete block building with a carport and a frame shed are situated north of the dwelling. A gravel driveway and parking area are located on the north side of the property.

The 1-story frame building clad in vinyl siding is supported by a concrete block foundation. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney in the south end of the building. A one-story gable-roof ell extends from the south end of the dwelling. A flat-roof entry porch projects from the center of the east elevation and a new deck and ramp lead from to the front door to the parking area. Windows throughout the house consist of six-over-six and two-over-two double-hung sash.

The east, or main, elevation contains four bays: the central entry is flanked on either side by a tripartite picture window with center fixed sash and two four-light sash; a single two-over-two double-hung sash is located in the south ell. The north elevation includes a central door with new flat-roof entry porch and new wood deck flanked on either side by a single six-over-six double-hung window. The west elevation contains three single six-over-six windows in the main block and a single two-over-two double-hung sash in the south ell. The south elevation of the main block includes a single six-over-six window and three two-over-two windows are located in the south ell.

The concrete block building north of the dwelling is covered with stucco and has an asphalt single gable roof, an exterior concrete block chimney on the east elevation; and a shed-roof carport appended to the north side of the building. The gable ends are covered with vinyl siding. A door is located in the middle of the south elevation and a window is located in the north elevation under the carport roof. The small frame shed has a gable roof and is cantilevered on a concrete base. This building, which probably originally served as a potting shed, has a door in the south elevation and one small awning window in the center of each of the east and west elevations.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<input type="checkbox"/> maritime		
			<input type="checkbox"/> history		
			<input type="checkbox"/> military		

**Specific dates** Circa 1948 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. The conversion of the residence to an office as well as other alterations (replacement windows and new porches/decks) have compromised the dwelling's integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR program	Date

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization:

Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source:

None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.  
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 0.53 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.53 acres

Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 62, Map 34, Grid 23

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Margaret B. Parker		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	7-21-98
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7857
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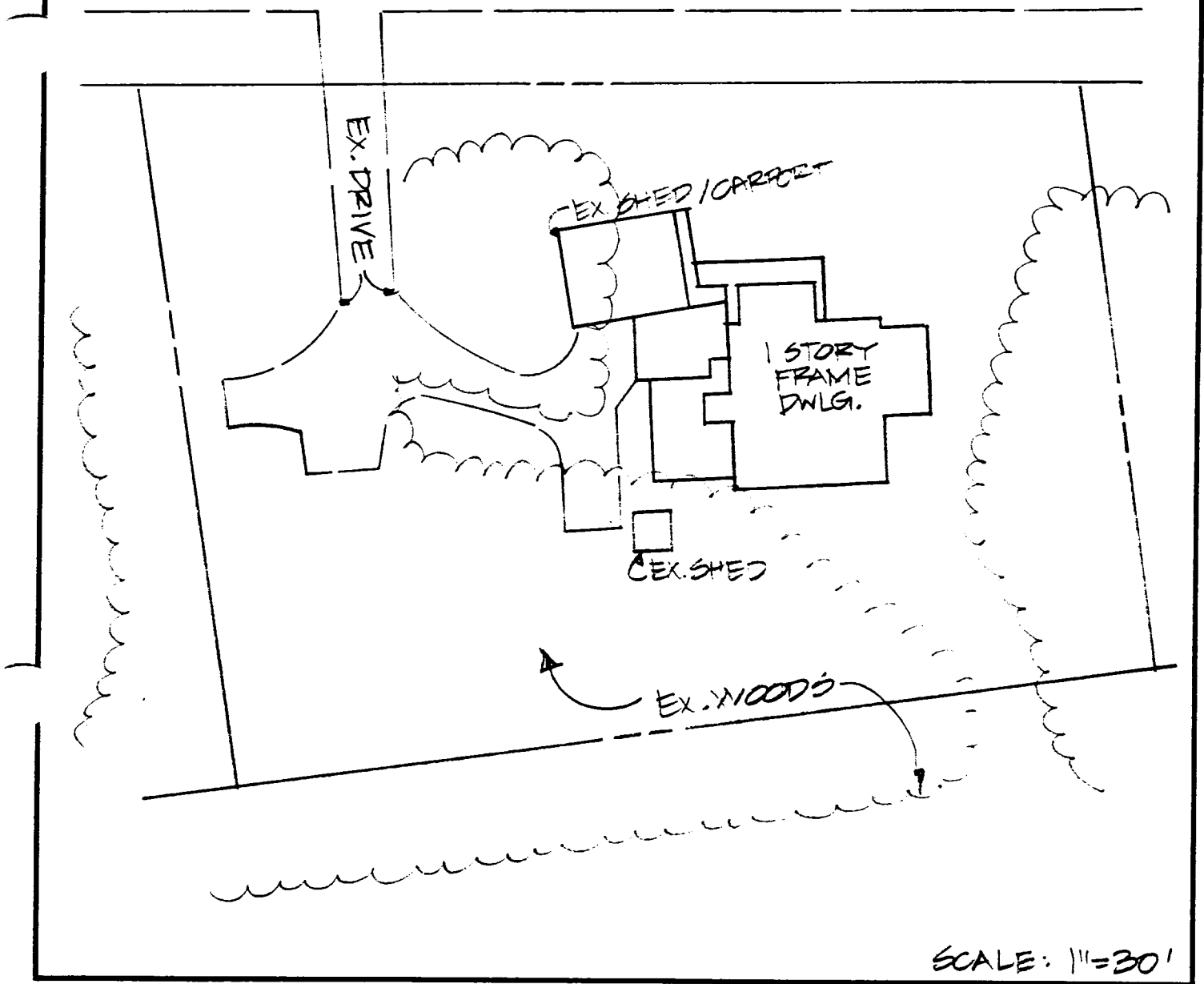
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Cartwright House, 23077 Three Notch Road  
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
Resource Sketch Map

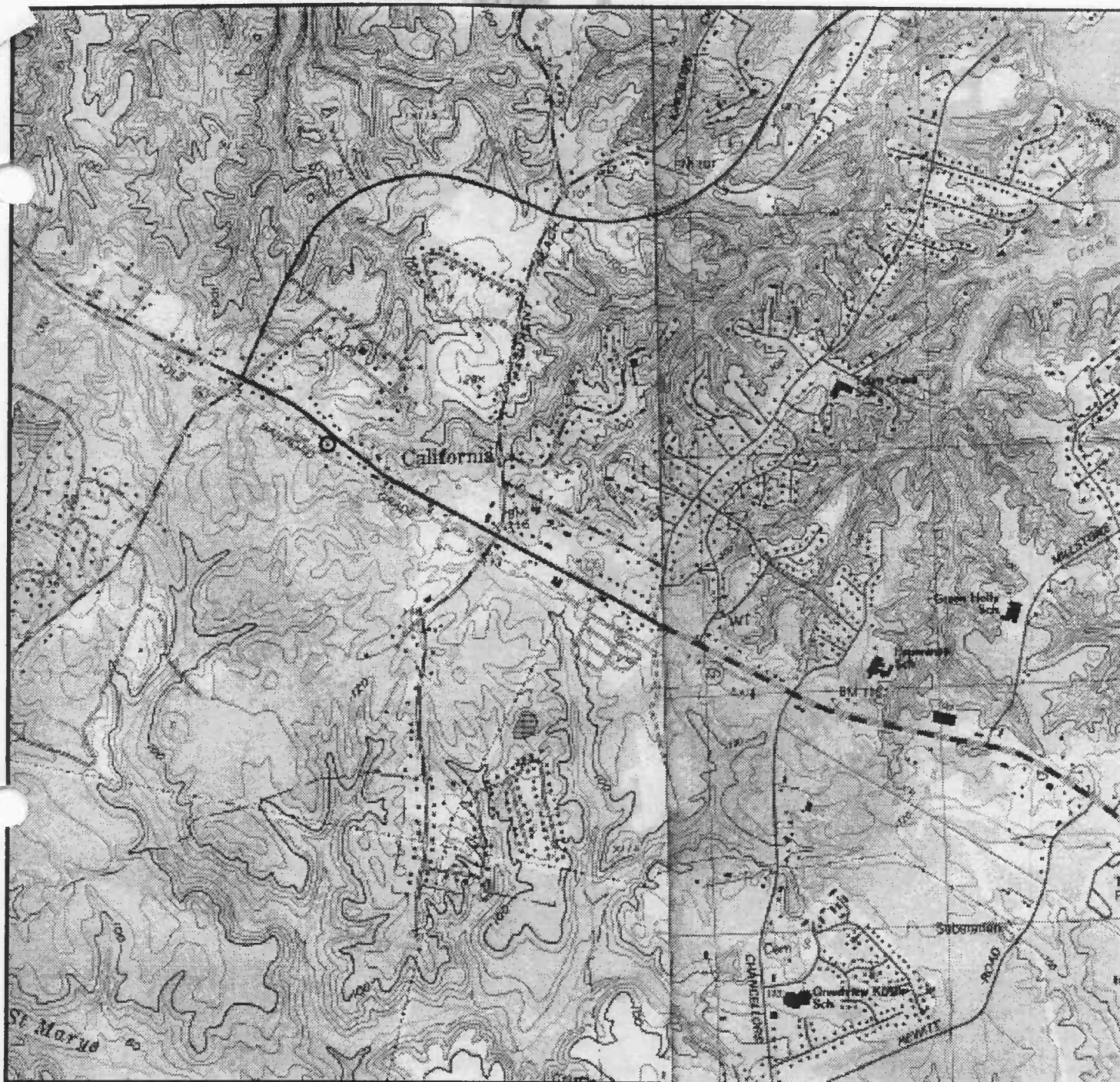


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 Hollywood, MD USGS Quad  
 1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987



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S + E elev. looking NW

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S + W elev. looking NE

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N. elev. Locking S

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N + W elev. <sup>of shed</sup> looking SE

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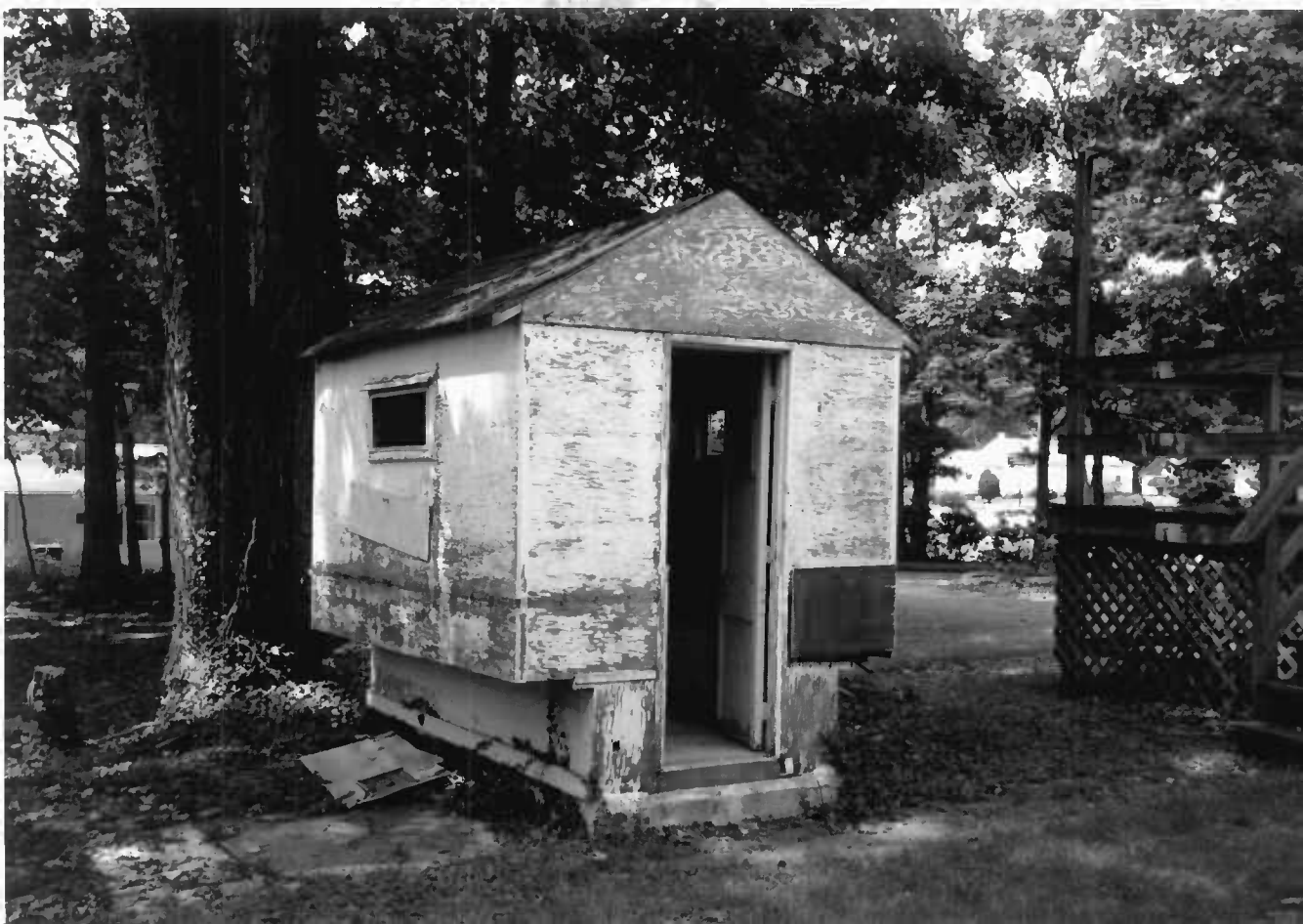
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S elev. of shed looking N

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S + W elev of shed looking NE

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